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The following troop trains between 13 February and 5 April:

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Date	Number of Cars	Number of Axles	From	To
13 February	51	106	Kroepelin	Bergen 1
15 February	15	30	Bergen	Kroepelin 1
	15	30	Bergen	Kroepelin 1
16 February	13	26	Bergen	Kroepelin 1
1 March	43	122	Perleberg	Neubukow 2
	10	20	Finow	Jueterbog 3
2 March	26	100	Burg	Hillersleben 4
4 March	19	54	Wolmirstedt	Satzkorn
	25	110	Burg	Wolmirstedt 4
	34	128	Burg	Wolmirstedt 4
	30	66	Burg	Tangerhuetten 4
	44	90	Burg	Tangerhuetten 4
	25	50	Burg	Tangerhuetten 4
5 March	13	34	Haldensleben	Weimar 5
	7	38	Schwerin	Weimar
6 March	45	90	Bernburg	Kleinfurra 6
	1	2	Schwerin	Koenigsbrueck

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	37	114	- 25X1	Haldensleben	Brandenburg- Altstadt	7
8 March	36	112		Ludwigslust	Dranse	8
	14	28		Wolmirstedt	Jena	5
9 March	30	76		Wolmirstedt	Zeitz	5
11 March	45	90		Schwerin	Guestrow	
	48	99		Schwerin	Guestrow	
12 March	26	30		Bad Suderode	Jaevenitz	9
13 March	13	38		Parchim	Dranse	8
	16	32		Tangermünde	Altengrabow	10
14 March	53	114		Kroepelin	Bergen	1
	18	24		Altengrabow	Finow	10
	49	102		Neubukow	Bergen	1
15 March	58	120		Neubukow	Binz	1
	24	80		Haldensleben	Dessau	11
	12	24		Ellerholz	Altengrabow	10
16 March	28	64		Ludwigslust	Wittstock	8
	25	50		Finow	Loburg	10
	46	96		Neubukow	Perleberg	2
	16	82		Haldensleben	Zerbst	11
	22	56		Haldensleben	Meinsdorf	11
17 March	47	154		Wolmirstedt	Jena	5
	24	50		Jaevenitz	Bad Suderode	9
18 March	43	96		Schwerin	Neubukow	2
	38	76		Neubukow	Schwerin	2
	15	30		Neubukow	Brand	2
	11	54		Haldensleben	Burg	4
	50	110		Altengrabow	Saalfeld	10
19 March	17	38		Altengrabow	Zeitz	10
	42	84		Schwerin	Neubukow	2
	34	68		Schwerin	Neubukow	2

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		35	102		Altengrabow	Rueckmarsdorf	10
		18	44		Altengrabow	Markranstaedt	10
		16	32		Altengrabow	Altenhain	10
	22 March	15	44		Jaevenitz	Quedlinburg	9
	23 March	44	162		Loburg	Quedlinburg	10
		11	22		Neubukow	Werneuchen	2
		37	102		Prenzlau	Haldensleben	12
		42	86		Altengrabow	Velten	10
	24 March	15	34		Bad Suderode	Jaevenitz	9
		43	148		Loburg	Brandenburg-Altstadt	10
		52	110		Loburg	Brandenburg-Altstadt	10
	25 March	27	54		Altengrabow	Jueterbog	10
		46	96		Wolmirstedt	Halle	5
25X1	27 March	48	108		Neustrelitz	Altengrabow	10
		26	88		Neustrelitz	Dallgow	13
	28 March	11	32		Loburg	Dallgow	10
		24	48		Wolmirstedt	Prenzlau	12
	29 March	52	106		Finow	Loburg	10
	30 March	23	82		Loburg	Finow	10
		14	28		Ellerholz	Altengrabow	10
		42	144		Haldensleben	Glauchau	5
	31 March	8	52		Perleberg	Dranse	8
	5 April	34	134		Burg	Tangerhuetten	4
		29	130		Burg	Tangerhuetten	4

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25X1 1.   Comment. Probably movements of the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) of the IV Arty Corps which, possibly during the first half of February 1953 and from 16 February to mid-March 1953, conducted combat firing practices at the Wustrow Peninsula. On 17 February 1953, a south-bound troop train of this brigade passed through Stralsund.

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25X1 2. [ ] Comment. [ ] the following units also performed firing practice with live ammunition at Wustrow during March 1953:

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Between 1 and 16 March. Probably elements of the 2511th AAA Regt (US) of the 18th Mecz Div from Perleberg.

On and after 18 March. AAA units from Schwerin, probably elements of the unidentified AAA regiment of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, and/or the 940th AAA Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

On 18 March. An air force AAA unit from Brand carried by a troop train [ ]

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Up to 23 March. An air force AAA unit from Werneuchen.

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25X1 3. [ ] Comment. This troop train carried an air force AAA unit from Finow [ ]  
25X1 [ ] Until 25 March 1953, the unit was stationed at Jueterbog.

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25X1 4. [ ] Comment. On 2 and 4 March 1953, three troop trains each of the 304th Arty Brig (US) and the unidentified AAA regiment of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps were loaded at Burg.

. The elements of the artillery brigade probably moved to Letzling Heath for combat firing practice, while the elements of the AAA regiment probably participated in field exercises by the 207th Mtz Rifle Div in the area south of Stendal as they did in early April 1953. A return of all contingents to Burg was not observed; only the troop train from Haldensleben to Burg on 18 March 1953 may have carried elements of the 304th Arty Brig (US). It is also possible, however, that, on 18 March 1953, elements of the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt returned to Burg which had been entrained at Burg and left for Letzling Heath on 2 March 1953. [ ] The observations in the present report, however, indicate [ ] the unidentified AAA regiment of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps in Burg.

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25X1 5. [ ] Comment. On 5, 8 and 9 March 1953, the tank units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div returned to their home stations after completion of firing practices with live ammunition at Letzling Heath. They had left Weimar on 26 February, Jena on 3 March, and Zeitz on 4 March 1953. Other units which probably conducted similar firing practices included: another tank unit of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Jena until 17 March; a tank unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle until 25 March; and an element of the 220th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt from Glauchau until 30 March 1953.

25X1 6. [ ] Comment. Bernburg as dispatching station indicates that the troop train carried elements of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GQFG which probably conducted field exercises in the area of Kleinfurra on the Wipper River. It could not be determined whether still other units were in the same area after 6 March 1953.

25X1 7. [ ] Comment. The troop train on 6 March 1953 carried a unit of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) [ ]

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25X1 [ ] On 3 March 1953, the unit moved to Letzling Heath.

25X1 8. [ ] Comment. On 8 and 16 March 1953, elements of the 1054th How Arty Regt, [ ] of the 18th Mecz Div moved from Ludwigslust to the Wittstock troop training grounds. The troop train from Perleberg on 31 March 1953 probably carried an advance detail, as observations at Perleberg indicated that advance parties had left for Wittstock up to early April 1953.

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- 25X1 9. Comment. Probably troop trains which carried components of the 207th Rifle Div stationed at the Fliegerhorst in Quedlinburg-Quarmbeck to the northern sector of Letzing Heath for field exercises. As the Fliegerhorst is situated 4 kilometers south of Quedlinburg, entrainings at the Bad Suderode railroad station are also believed possible.
- 25X1 10. Comment. The following are additional units which arrived at Altengrabow during March 1953:
- On and after 13 March. Elements of the 953rd AAA Bn of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div from Tangermünde.
- Up to 14 March. An air force AAA unit from Finow.
- On and after 15 March. An air force AAA unit from Laerz airfield.
- From 16 March probably until 30 March. Another air force AAA unit from Finow.
- Up to 18 March. Elements of the 316th RL Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Saalfeld.
- Up to 19 March. Possibly elements of the 24th Gds RL Bn (US) of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Zeitz.
- Up to 20 March. Elements of the 94th RL Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Leipzig-Schoenau. On 20 March, the troop train passed through Magdeburg and proceeded in a southerly direction. Another unidentified unit of the Eighth Gds Army which was unloaded at the Markkranstaedt railroad station.
- Up to 23 March. Elements of the 597th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 207 Mtz Rifle Div (artillery) from Quedlinburg; and components of the 31st AAA Div from Schoenwalde on the troop train [ ] which arrived at Altengrabow on 4 March. 25X1
- Up to 24 March. Elements of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US) from Brandenburg; the troop trains were previously reported.
- Up to 25 March. Possibly a light AAA unit of the 14th Gds Mecz Div (?).
- On and after 27 March. Elements of the 495th Arty Regt, [ ] of the 9th Gds Tank Div from Neustrelitz on the troop train [ ] 25X1
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- Up to 28 March. Contingents of the 1st Mecz Div, probably elements of the 1982nd AAA Regt. Other information, however, indicated that the troop train [ ] had left for Altengrabow on 23 March.
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- On and after 29 March. Additional elements of an air force AAA unit from Finow.
- The troop train from Altengrabow to Altenhain on 20 March 1953 was probably loaded with materiel.
- 25X1 11. Comment. The troop train probably carried components of the 7th Gds Tank Div. The arrival at Letzing Heath, however, has not been observed.
- 25X1 12. Comment. On 24 March 1953, a troop train with tanks of the 83rd Gds Hv Tank SP Regt passed through Stendal. The train came from Prenzlau, and according to the present report, proceeded to Haldensleben from where the train returned on 28 March 1953. [ ] 25X1

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13. [redacted] Comment. The troop train probably carried a tank unit of the 1st Necz

Div. [redacted]

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14. [redacted] Comment. The present list was [redacted]

[redacted] given credence. Although it dates far back,

the information is submitted as it is a valuable supplement which leads to new conclusions concerning the training of troops in February and March 1953. Most of the dispatching stations and receiving stations indicated the unit which was loaded. [redacted]

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